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"(c) Fifteen were selected including two who had already been working as temporary Commissioners and six of these including these two have been appointed as regular Commissioners."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—"ஏற்கெனவே டிபார்ட்மெண்டில் வேலை செய்யாதவர்கள் யாராவது எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் எத்தனை பேர் ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—"No direct recruitment has been made."

Re-employment of retired persons

* 2005 *Q*.—SRI K. G. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many retired persons are re-employed by the High Court in its administrative offices;

(b) the posts in which the retired persons have been re-employed;

(c) whether these posts come under the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission and if not, why; and

(d) the reasons for the re-employment of retired persons?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) The High Court has re-employed six retired persons in the non-gazetted services and one in the Gazetted service.

"(b) They are re-employed—one as Manager, four as Bench Clerks and one as shorthand-writer. The Registrar of the High Court has been re-employed as Registrar on superannuation.

"(c) No. Under Article 229 of the Constitution read with clause 8 of the Letters Patent, appointments of Officers and servants of a High Court should be made by the Chief Justice.

"(d) All re-employments were made on public grounds."

Social and economic conditions of fishermen

* 2006 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount spent by the Government in the year 1953–54 in the State towards the improvement of the social and economic conditions of fishermen?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"A sum of Rs. 7·86 lakhs was spent by the Fisheries Department during the year 1953–54 for the improvement of the social and economic conditions of the fishermen in this State. Of this, Rs. 4·69 lakhs was for Fisheries Schools, Rs. 2·80 lakhs for salt subsidy and the balance for various miscellaneous welfare schemes."

SRI A. RATNAM :—"மீனவர்கள் முன்னேற்றத்திற்காக எந்த இடத்திலாவது அதிகமாக வேலை செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அவர்களுடைய உத்தியோகத்திற்காக ஏதாவது அக்கறை, அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" எங்கெங்கே மீனவர்கள் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறார்களோ அங்கங்கே பொதுவாக அக்கறை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. குறிப்பாக எந்தெந்த இடங்களில் என்று சொல்ல முடியாது. உத்தியோகத்தைப்பற்றி எங்கெங்கே முடியுமோ அங்கங்கே உத்தியோகங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Have the Government got any plan, Sir, for opening schools for training the children of fishermen in deep-sea fishing and other matters connected with fishing and mercantile occupations? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In the Fisheries schools, course in Fishery Technology are given to the children of fishermen."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Under the Community Project Scheme, fishermen are allowed to take loans to purchase cata- 9–10 a.m.
marans. The scheme is in force in Chathurangapatnam. Even though fishermen there have applied for loan to purchase catamarans, no loan has been granted on the pretext that the application has not been submitted properly; that catamarans are not available with the producers and on some other flimsy grounds. Will the Hon. Minister take steps to see that loan is granted to these fishermen early? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Except for the use of the word 'flimsy', the hon. Member himself has answered the question. If he gives notice of a separate question, I shall look into it."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" மீனவர்கள் முழு நேரமும் கடலிலேயே தங்களுடைய வேலைகளைச் செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அதனால் அவர்களை 'நேவி' யில் சேர்ப்பதற்கு இந்த அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்திற்கு சிபாரிசு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That also has already been taken up."

Educational facilities to Muslim fishermen

* 2007 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether Muslim fishermen are given all facilities regarding education, etc., that are accorded by Government to other fishermen communities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI E. T. KUNHAN :—" മുസ്ലീങ്ങളായ മത്സ്യത്തൊഴിലാളികൾക്കും എല്ലാ ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും നൽകുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറഞ്ഞു. നൽകുന്നില്ലെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അറിവ്. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറയുന്നതാണ് ശരിയെങ്കിൽ ഏതെല്ലാം തരത്തിലുള്ള ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളാണ് അവർക്ക് നൽകുന്നതെന്നു വിശദമായി പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "